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GERMAN GOVERNMENT PREPARED FOR WAR

MADE AGREEMENT WITH
HAMBURG-AMERICAN
LINE OFFICIALS

CARRY SUPPLIES
TO WARSHIPS

Testimony Given in Conspiracy
Trial Now Being Heard in
New York.

New York, Nov. 30.—That the German government made an agreement with the Hamburg-American line officials in the United States nearly a year before the war began, to coal and supply German warships in the Atlantic in case of hostilities, was adduced in the testimony of Dr. Karl Buenz, managing director of the line on trial, with other officials, for conspiracy to defraud the United States.

Dr. Buenz, seventy-two years old and for years in the German consular service, said he received a letter in the fall of 1903 from the head of the line, notifying him of an agreement signed by the line with the German government, an abstract of which he saw in the possession of the German consul general in New York.

On July 31st, 1914, he said, he received a telegram from Hamburg saying, "are you ready to carry out agreement with the German government." To this he answered "yes," and began chartering neutral ships to carry relief to German warships in the South Atlantic.

Attorneys for the defense admitted receiving \$1,500,000 from the German government for financial relief, but denied knowledge of the \$750,000 received by the German exporter, Kuhnhampp, said to be for Captain Boye, German naval attaché.

The defense, after losing motions to have the indictments dismissed, asserted throughout the introduction of testimony that the action of the defendants was not unlawful.

DEFENSE MADE MANY MOTIONS

New York, Nov. 30.—Most of the day's trial in the conspiracy charges officials was taken up in arguments on the defense motions with the jury excluded. These motions were to dismiss the indictment to direct the verdict for the defense and to instruct the jury to disregard the testimony relative to the steamer Maria Quevedo, which the defendants say did not supply German war ships. All the motions overruled.

VILLA DISAPPEARED ACCORDING TO REPORT

Nogales, Ariz., Nov. 30.—General Villa has disappeared since his forces were defeated and scattered by the Carranza army at Hermosillo, according to reports received by General Obregon. The reports are based apparently on the statement of prisoners.

GOES FOR DEGREE

Mountain Boy Successful in His Pursuit of Learning.

Wethers, Nov. 30.—H. D. Barker, whose home is twelve miles north west of Wethers, near the old turnpike road, passed through Wethers today en route to Madison, Wisconsin, where he goes to study for his degree. Mr. Barker was born and reared in the mountainous section of Oconee county. After attending the mountain schools he attended the Wethers high school, but did not graduate. He then went to Clemson college for four years, graduating with the class of 1915. His career up to this time has been a remarkable one. He has overcome many difficulties that to the average person might appear insurmountable. It is said that his record at Clemson college for the four years was rarely if ever been equaled, and certainly not exceeded by any other student. His friends in Oconee, at Clemson, and throughout the state are watching his career with unusual interest.

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JURY HANGS IN WATSON CASE IN U. S. COURT

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THROUGH MAIL

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LAST NIGHT

Case Seems to Turn on Whether
Language Was Obscene
or Not.

Augusta, Nov. 30.—The jury trying Thomas E. Watson on Thompson, the editor charged with sending obscene matter through the mails, reported that they were unable to agree at 10:20 tonight. They were told to retire for the night. They had been out eight hours. Court will re-open at 9:30 tomorrow morning.

The defense and prosecution closed today. Watson, speaking for himself, laid stress upon his claims that the language was not obscene. United States District Attorney Donaldson devoted his speech to trying to show that it was obscene.

FINAL PLEAS BEFORE JURY

Augusta, Nov. 30.—Thomas E. Watson made a final plea to the jury for acquittal of the charge of sending obscene literature through the mails. Government attorneys prepared to close the arguments early this afternoon. During Watson's speech, in which he charged there were motives behind the prosecution, Judge Lambdin stated that he would charge the jury that they are not to consider any motive behind the prosecution if there is one.

Assistant District Attorney Miller stated that when Watson intimated the government was protecting the Roman Catholic church that the government attorneys were not doing so. After Watson's address it seemed the points the jury would have to decide were whether or not the literature referred to was obscene and whether Watson was responsible for mailing it.

District Attorney Donaldson finished his argument just before luncheon recess and the judge stated he would charge the jury as soon as court reconvened. Donaldson devoted most of his time trying to impress upon the jury that the language objected to was obscene.

SEVERAL GOVERNORS ACCEPT INVITATION

Columbia, Nov. 30.—Governors of several Southern states have accepted the invitation of Gov. Manning to attend the Southern Commercial congress in Charleston and the sessions of the Southern House of Governors. Governor Hall of Louisiana writes that he will be present and take part in the discussion before the governors of the subject, "The Farmer and His Money." Governor Stuart of Virginia has advised Governor Manning that he will be present.

Governor Earl Browder of Mississippi and Gov. P. L. G. of North Carolina have advised that they can not attend because they retire from office early in January and the legislature of their states are in session then. Governor James B. Ferguson of Texas and Gov. R. L. Williams of Oklahoma advise that they can not attend because of official business. Both have named a large number of delegates from their states to attend the sessions of the Southern Commercial congress.

Letters have not been received from the governors of the other southern states. Invitations were sent to the governors to attend the Southern House of Governors.

It is probable that invitations to attend the Southern House of Governors will be sent to the governors of Maryland, Mississippi and Kentucky.

HEAD BOTH ARMIES

Reported General John Will Head

London, Nov. 30.—Field Marshal Sir John French was in London yesterday and conferred with Premier Asquith. As far as the public knows this is the first time he has been here since his secret trip in January.

Newest Beauty Discovered for Movies.



Margaret Gale.

Margaret Gale is the newest beauty discovered for the movies, and she has created something of a sensation. Lee Kugel, a prominent figure in the movie business in New York, found her photograph in a studio window. He asked for her at once, and she

looked even better than her studio pictures. "How much are you making now?" asked Kugel. "Thirty dollars a week," she said. "I'll give you \$200 if you can act," said he. Now he is glad he signed a contract with her.

THIRTY KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 30.—Thirty workmen were killed and several fatally hurt when four tons of black powder exploded in the upper Hagley yard of the Dupont Powder company. The cause of the blast is unknown. Nearly all the victims are between sixteen and twenty-one years of age. They mostly lived in and about Wilmington.

The explosion was in the black powder pellet packing house. Here the powder is packed for shipment to Europe. Nothing was left but a hole in the ground. Twenty-six of the dead were in the house. The others were hit by debris. One theory of the cause is a spark from a horseshoe or small car wheel running over powder grains.

FRENCH YOUTHS ARE CALLED TO COLORS

Paris, Nov. 30.—The French chamber of deputies, by a rising vote today passed a bill authorizing the war minister to call to all to the colors the 1917 class. No date was specified. This class is composed of youths of eighteen and nineteen. The war minister says that they will be trained for a supreme effort next summer.

COLONIAL SECRETARY FEELS MORE HOPEFUL

London, Nov. 30.—Andrew Bonar Law, secretary for colonies, speaking at St. Andrews day banquet tonight, declared that he felt more hopeful of the outcome of the war than for months. He said Great Britain could hold out financially longer than her enemies. The war was not decided in the near past. We might have had news from that quarter before good news.

LABOR LEADER ACQUITTED

Patterson, N. J., Nov. 30.—Elizabeth Gurley, a labor leader, was acquitted today on charges of "inciting to riot" in connection with the 1912 mill strike. She denied that she used the language in making speeches to strikers.

ITALIAN ATTACKS CENTER OF INTEREST

PROSPERITY IS REPORTED

CHEERFUL NEWS FROM ALL
SOUTHERN POPULATION
CENTERS

GOOD PRICES FOR ALL CROPS

Great Increase in Bank Clearings for Past Month Sure Index.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The prosperity prevailing in the southern states was reflected today in reports of the financial condition from all population centers. Good prices for crops are causing the farmers to buy freely and Christmas trade is expected to be the heaviest in years.

Restoration of cotton prices, more diversified farming and economy in production is said to be the leading factors in the improved conditions. The great increase in bank clearings for the past month in the larger southern cities is a sure index to this situation.

Terminals at southern ports are said to be taxed with coal and export trade.

CHRISTMAS MONEY NOW PLENTIFUL

New York, Nov. 30.—Merchants here are getting more money to spend for Christmas shopping this year than since 1906. Big stores are preparing for a record trade during December and wholesale houses report they are unable to fill orders in many lines. This is attributed to the rush of buyers from other cities to replenish their depleted stocks. S. L. Peize, secretary of the Wholesale and Retail Merchants association, said merchants of New York over have known better times.

Also in the South

Atlanta, Nov. 30.—Merchants in the larger population centers of the south-eastern section of the country pronounced the opening of December business to be the largest in years. Merchants are prepared for a big increase and early Christmas trade justifies these preparations, according to Governor McGehee, secretary of the Atlanta Retail Merchants association. Savannah, Charleston, Tampa and Jacksonville all report increased early trade.

GERMAN REICHSTAG AT OPENING SESSION

Berlin, Nov. 30.—The opening of the reichstag was marked by the welcome address by President Kaempfer, in which he complimented the nation on the successful conclusion of the Serbian campaign and the satisfactory situation on the eastern and western fronts.

Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the imperial treasury, introduced a bill arranging preliminaries for taxing war profits.

Fear Indian Attack

Topolobampo, Mexico, Nov. 30.—Fear of an attack on American settlers by Yaqui Indians have increased since all except fifty Carranza soldiers were withdrawn. Admiral Winslow who is coming here on a cruiser with marines strongly urged by wireless the necessity of keeping more troops in valley.

Pence Talk Again

London, Nov. 30.—The Pall Mall Gazette associates the emperor's visit to Vienna with the report that Germany is willing to enter peace negotiations and ventures the opinion that the trip might be a fresh attempt to bring a separate peace between Austria and Italy.

LAGGING MOVEMENTS CAUSE LULL IN THE BALKANS

AUSTRIANS MAY WITHDRAW SOON

Rumania Still Delays Decision in Effort to Maintain Her Neutrality.

London, Nov. 30.—Fighting on the Austro-Italian front, where the Italians have been attacking Austrian positions along the Isonzo river to capture Tolmino, Gorizia and Dobruja in the recent sustained battle of the war, now that Balkan movements are lagging, is the cause of interest. The retreat of the Serbian army into Albania, the slowness of operations in Montenegro and the absence of major operations on the eastern and western fronts, has caused a lull.

Although the Austrians are keeping large forces engaged the Italians and report most of the Italian assaults as repulsed, the Austrian accounts indicate that they may withdraw from the towns at any time.

The Germans state that von Mackensen's army, with the Rumanians and Turks, would be directed against the Anglo-French in the south but doubtless many are turning toward the Danube to meet the menace of the Russians, said to be massed in Bessarabia, waiting negotiations to cross Rumania or proceed via the Danube into Bulgaria.

Like the Greek negotiations, the Rumanian final word seems to be lacking. A Budapest report goes so far as to say that Rumania has refused permission to Russia to use the river.

Greece's delay in reply to the entente note tends to the supposition that the cabinet is not prepared to go so far.

The Serbians in Albania hope to put a rejuvenated army in the field. Artillery, mining and air attacks continue on the western front.

In the region of Ilok, Poland, von Hindenburg was driven back from the Irvina river by Russian counter-attacks.

MONISTIR HAS BEEN EVACUATED

London, Nov. 30.—Monistir, in southwestern Serbia has been evacuated. The Serbian troops, having accomplished their purpose of delaying the enemy's advance until the civilian population could escape. They left the city and according to reports are returning in good order. The Bulgarian occupation is apparently a matter of hours.

Serbs Not Demoralized

Though the Austro-German and Bulgarian campaign in Serbia is described by the central powers as finished, and though practically all of Serbia is in their possession they have not accomplished according to the general belief the more important aim of entirely crushing the Serbian army. Though defeated and worn out by fighting overwhelming odds the Serbian forces are reported to be still unbroken and undemoralized, and to be reorganizing on the Albanian and Montenegrin frontiers. Either bitter winter weather has retarded the great powers in their proposed new enterprises against the Franco-British troops in the Strumitsa region or the rapidly developing Russian menace from the direction of Panslavism has caused them to abandon it. In any event the campaign has come to a standstill.

Successful Air Raids. Other fronts during the past forty-eight hours have shown a generally revived activity. The British report successful air attacks on the German position along the Belgian coast and other parts of the German western front, involving the destruction of a submarine off the Belgian coast and raids on the aerodrome and ammunition factory behind the German lines.

Hesopontion Expedition. The varying fortunes which followed General Townsend's Hesopontion expedition are not reported in sufficient detail to make them exactly clear. From the official statement it appears the British troops after the Cleopatra battle have fallen back to Tigris unnumbered by the Turks. They are reported to be in a position in the rear of the former lines but in a more easily defended place.

Kitchener's Remarks. On the north Poland front after crushing the German attacks, the Russians made local gains.

After a trip to the near east, Italy and France. The British steamer Drott has been sunk presumably by a submarine.